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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

February 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 26 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Kay Bloom – 2/14 – Happy Birthday, Kay

Anniversaries: none

Announcements: 1. Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and fish will be served for lunch. 2. Pancake Henry reported that ticket sales are underway. 117 tickets were sold this past week and the big push begins right now as we have 3 ½ weeks before the breakfast on March 10. Pick up tickets from him or call his office at 399-8612 for tickets. The workers' schedule sheet is being passed around the tables.

Happy Bucks: Jim Moriarity – opening his own office and happy to be back; also his son is back from Iraq; Doug Dix – his wife emailed him a great line on colostomy; Ray Vaughn – wife's \$2 ticket won \$25K but Ray only got \$1 of it for Happy Bucks; Bob Hatala – heard Rawhide song on Jim Doyne's radio show Sunday; Jim Doyne – happy that someone is listening; Bob Dye – celebrating 2 year anniversary from his stroke and we're glad he's doing so well; Keith Sutherland (\$3) – great boost in familial intelligence with his son's engagement; great ski trip and it's a sunny day

today; John Anderson – his Cancun trip was slightly warmer than Iowa; Mel Rhodes – Cornhuskers over K State in basketball; Chuck Wehage – paid a fine for telling his 10 year old granddaughter's joke; Dan Breitbach – happy his parents must be happy since they haven't called.

Next week's program: Kelly Moore announced that Kelly Malone from Four Oaks is our speaker next week.

Speaker: Kelly Moore introduced Tom Janusz, owner of Cedar River Brewing Company. Tom gave a very interesting talk on how to brew beer. Needless to say he had a captive audience, none more so than our very own Kelly Moore. Tom and his wife have owned CRBC since July 2004, but Tom has been with the company since it opened 11 years ago as General Manager. Coincidentally, Kelly Moore has been a patron for 11 years as well.

He gave a brief history of beer, dating back to when Kelly Moore was an infant. Not really, beer has been around for approximately 7000 years. It is one of the oldest fermented beverages, much older than wine. CRBC is the first fully-operating brewery in Cedar Rapids since prohibition.

There are four basic components (or food groups as Kelly Moore would like to think) in beer:

1. Water – composes 90-95% of beer and is the most important ingredient. CRBC uses regular CR water but tests it regularly for consistency.
2. Barley malt – is the basic grain that is used most often to make beer.
3. Hops – introduces bitterness into the mix. Seattle, Portland and Europe provide most of the hops.
4. Yeast – the final component added once the wort goes into the fermenter. There are about 1500 strains of yeast.

Tom loves his job and Kelly Moore appreciates that very much. Although business is very good, Tom would most

likely agree that if there were more Kelly Moores in CR, he could open another brewery.

Stop by CRBC sometime and not only can you try one of Tom's personal favorites, you can visit with Kelly Moore as well!

Word for the day: Don was missing today and so was the "Word"

Submitted: Dan Breitbach

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

2/21: Kelli Malone, Four Oaks

KIWANIS SPEAKER COORDINATORS:

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January 21st 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 25 Members in attendance.

[Guests](#): none

[Birthdays](#): none

[Anniversaries](#): none

[Announcements](#): Janet Blackledge reminded everyone about the Governor's dinner on March 14 and the sign up sheet was being passed around the tables.

Pancake Henry reported that 247 tickets were sold this past week. The top sellers were:

- #1 Kevin McCarville with 70 tkts;
- #2 Jim Platt with 50;
- #3 Sister Charmaine and Gerry Kneeland with 25 each.

Kevin was the big winner of a family size Hershey almond candy bar. Jim was having knee surgery and will be rewarded later; and Sister and Gerry received bite-size Snickers. It's just like winning the lottery except for the money. Pancake Henry has challenged the Club to reach 1000 tickets sold by next Wednesday. We currently sit at

531 tickets sold.

Happy Bucks: Chuck Wehage – that Jim Doyne went to school with Herbert Hoover; Ray Vaughn – confusion with liquids cost him \$1000 when he put windshield wiper fluid in his radiator, but he caught it in time so it only cost \$1000 (let's hope he knows the difference between vodka and Windex the next time he has a drink); Jim Doyne – happy to report he didn't go to school with Herbert Hoover; Mel Rhodes – sold his house; Keith Sutherland – Jim Doyne really did go to school with Herbert Hoover or was he a year ahead?; Dan Breitbach – \$2 as he's getting closer to finding his parents' hideaway key to the condo and for those who sold tickets this week.

Next week's program: Next week is an open date so far as the speaker had to cancel. Kelly Moore is on the hunt for a replacement.

Speaker: Kelly Moore introduced Kelly Malone who has been with Four Oaks for 21 years now. She is a U of Iowa grad. Kelly gave a very informative talk on the newest undertaking at Four Oaks – heading up the statewide recruitment/training of foster families. There are 5000 kids in Iowa who live in residential treatment, shelters or with family members. Ages range from newborn to 17. There is an urgent need to find permanent homes for many of these kids. Four Oaks was selected as THE agency to oversee this project statewide. Iowa Kids Net was started in January '07 as the partnership with similar organizations to Four Oaks in the following cities: Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Dubuque, Waterloo, Davenport, Des Moines and Cedar Rapids. Kelly is responsible for a 14 county region based out of CR. There are 632 kids and 500 resource families in her region. Many of these kids have severe behavioral problems and are difficult to raise and thus, place in foster homes. They are making a big push to recruit more families and respite families as well as improve the retention with families already serving in the foster care system. Is there anything more critical than caring for kids? Best of luck, Kelly!

Word for the day: none (Don Grimm is on the road)

[Submitted:](#) Dan Breitbach

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February 28th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 30 Members in attendance.

Guests: none

Birthdays: Jody Nolte (3/4) Psst: Don't tell Joe

Anniversaries: Mar. 1 - Kelly Allen; Mar. 2 - Kelly Moore; Mar. 3 - Dan Thies; Mar. 6 - Glen Fox

Announcements: 1. The board meeting is this Tuesday, March 6 at Bradley & Riley.

2. Pancake report:

- 293 tickets this week, bringing our total to 824 (41.41% of our goal.
- Top sellers in order: Joe Schmall (125); Dan Breitbach (37); Mel Rhodes (25); Janet Blackledge and Dave Graeff (20 each); and Fran Brown (15). Joe got the big prize - a delicious box of hamster niblets coated in chocolate. The others received bite size Snickers.
- Corporate sales reached 50% of goal with total sales committed of 525 tkts
- Pancake Henry encouraged everyone to sell their tickets

Happy Bucks: Joe Nolte - \$1 fine for questioning his

wife's birthday; Ray Vaughn – a religious joke about a Christian mountain lion; Chuck Wehage – an unhappy buck for work needed on his brand new 1985 roadster; Don Grimm – 2 bucks: something about inoculation and the other his problems with his computer are almost behind him; Mel Rhodes – closed on his house; Pam Landon – 31 years of marital bliss to celebrate; and Dan Breitbach – he doesn't remember what he was happy about, oh yes, his parents are alive and well and happily continuing their southern travels without him.

Next week's program: Paul Denowski, YMCA Camp Wapsie Director

Speaker: John Locher and Kelly Moore stepped in when our speaker had to cancel. They gave an informal talk on the nuances of the stock market. Snickers were won and lost as John quizzed us on such things as: How many times has the Dow Jones dropped 400 or more points in a day? Ans: 6 by Joe Schmall. He received a Snickers but had to forfeit once he confessed he heard it on TV. There was quite a bit of interaction with the audience and our very own Mel Rhodes was a frequent contributor to the conversation, as was Ron Sunderman. For anyone interested in the market and a good book, get Ken Fisher's "The Only Three Questions You Need to Ask". That sounds like a woman's book about men buying jewelry. How big can it be, how much can it cost him, how long before he has to buy again?

Word for the day: He's back and with a vengeance. Wordsmith Don perplexed us with "trope". A figure of speech which consist in the use of a word or phrase in a sense other than that which is proper to it; also, in casual use, a figure of speech; figurative language

Submitted: Dan Breitbach

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March 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 28 Members in attendance.

Guests: Mike Poggenklass

Birthdays: none

Anniversaries: none

Announcements: The Governor's dinner will be on Wednesday, March 14, at the Clark Alumni House on the Coe College campus. The social hour will start at six, and dinner will be served at 6:30. The regular noon meeting on March 14 has been cancelled. The Nebraska-Iowa District mid-year conference will be from 7:00 - 3:30 at the Scheman Center in Ames, Iowa. President Wehage plans, weather permitting, to fly to Ames in the early morning, and he has room in the plane for three others. 1239 tickets to the pancake breakfast have been sold toward our goal of 1990. 299 have been sold to individuals, toward a goal of 750. Please turn in tickets that you will not be able to sell so they can be used at the door and to meet corporate sales needs.

Happy Bucks: Five happy bucks were collected.

Next week's program:

Speaker: The speaker was Paul Denowski, director of Camp Wapsi. Camp Wapsi, a part of the YMCA, opened in 1918, and provides programs year-round. Paul presented an overview of the camp programs and facilities. The camp does not turn young people away because of ability to pay, and is conducting a fund drive to raise \$38,000 to fund camperships. Each campership costs \$310.

Word for the day: Miasma -- a poisonous atmosphere. The wordmaster kept his dollar.

Submitted: Keith Sutherland

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March 21, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 24 Members in attendance.

Guests: none

Birthdays: March 15 - Bob Dye;
March 18 - Lonna Drewelow
March 27 - Kelly Moore

Anniversaries: Jim Doyne joined on March 20, 1996

Announcements: Kelly Moore passed around a sign up sheet for speaker coordinators. He needs five months covered.

Pancake Henry reported that he will report next week at which time he will give the final report, at least that's what he reported today. He also passed around several thank you notes from charities who received pancake tickets.

Happy Bucks: Chuck Wehage - paid a fine for missing the mid-year meeting in Ames due to icy roads. I think we should have fined him if he decided to travel on icy roads.

Joe Schmall - what a fine piece of electronic workmanship

that Jim Doyne does on his radio show; Rod Grimm – thankful he missed the snow and ice while he was south; John Anderson – happy Joe didn't screw up too much on J. Doyne's show; Joe Nolte – his guest last week wants an application; Papa Dick Boardman – so happy to see his son that a mere dollar wouldn't begin to reflect on his happiness so he threw a check in; Duane Kurrelmeyer – survived an angioplasty last Friday; Ray Vaughn – Twin Pines is open; and Ron Sunderman – CR Symphony Concert and Chorale has a big show this Saturday at the Paramount.

Next week's program: It's a surprise (which is the scribes way of saying that we don't know)

Speaker: Chuck Wehage introduced Dan Hoeger, deacon at St. Pat's Catholic Church. Dan was ordained 18 years ago and had been working full-time in the corporate world until January 2002. At that time he decided to devote his life's work to being a deacon full-time. Along with his duties as a deacon, Dan also serves as the Catholic Chaplain for the police department and works closely with the Criminal Iowa Juvenile Justice system. He has been struck by the number of people who come into the office just to talk about about problems they are facing, such as divorce, unemployment, a financial crisis, depression, etc. His message was primarily focused on the need for the world, but particularly Americans to seek personal happiness. He mentioned that India was ranked the #2 happiest country in the world as compared to the U.S. at #42. He referred to several studies that indicate the level of stress in our country has risen: In 1983, one study showed that 55% of Americans experienced great stress at least once a week. That number rose to 75% in 1996 and 80% just a few years ago.

He has authored a book, "The Objective Path for us Everyday People" and also has developed a full-day seminar. Cost of the book is \$14.95 if anyone is interested. Thanks Dan for the message. We can always use a reminder that we have much to be thankful, and therefore, happy about.

Word for the day: Well, let's just say that if I fail to articulate in writing the true meaning of this word, then I might very well be sesquipedalianating. Da Bears say that Da Word for Da day is: sesquipedalianism. Literally, it means a foot and 1/2 long. Using words much larger than needed or too many words to get your point across or going on and on when you don't need to go on and on and on and on... What else can I say.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach

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March 28th 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 32 Members in attendance.

Guests: Steve Walrath – former member who dropped in and is considering re-joining. Steve is with A'Hearn Plumbing.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Special welcome back to Eldon Hans who had successful back surgery Feb. 6.

2. Chuck presented Jody Nolte with her official membership certificate and announced that a formal induction for Jim Moriarity will occur in the next week or so.

3. John Locher needs volunteers for Taylor Elementary School reading program.

4. John also announced that Families Helping Families is holding its annual Spring Gala and passed around some flyers.

5. Pancake Dan Breitbach-Henry reported on the recently completed breakfast. In capsule form and unaudited as usual are the results. Keep in mind that there

are several outstanding bills totaling approximately \$500 that haven't been paid and Dan needs to compare revenue figures with Gerry's figures.

-We sold 1949 (Goal of 1990) tickets for a grand total of \$10,258.00 (Goal of \$10,360) which includes Arby's \$500 contribution for sponsorship on the back of the tickets.

-The \$1 increase in ticket price and the increased sales resulted in approximately \$2000 in additional revenue over last year.

-With expenses expected to approach \$1600, we should net around \$8600.

-Of the 51 active members, 36 sold tickets this year.

-Corporate ticket sales hit its goal of 1050 with sales of 1055.

-Individual ticket sales were 703 on a goal of 750, and Key Club (90) and walk-in traffic (101) were exactly on goal.

-The top five sellers were:

Joe Schmall (345)

Dan Breitbach (229)

Kevin McCarville (179)

Jeff Hollingsworth (148)

Kelly Moore (101).

(special note from the webmaster. A little quick math tells us that these 5 people accounted for 51% of our total ticket sales by both numbers of tickets and total gross revenue. A hearty "Hats Off" to these 5 superheroes.)

Happy Bucks: John Schweitzer – New Horizons Band has Palm Sunday concert at 4 pm at the Masonic Temple; Charlene Boardman – happy to be back and trying to get readjusted to normal life with Dan around; Eldon Hans – happy to be back; Bob Dye – long time goal happened when the entire family met in Winter Park for week of family reunion and skiing; Ron Sunderman – a successful concert chorale performance on Saturday despite a shaky practice performance earlier in the week; Dick Boardman – considering an adoption of Steve Walrath and the sale of son Dan; Dan Breitbach – happy his parents are back and that negotiations can begin on re-establishing family relations and his position in their estate plans.

Next week's program:

Speaker: Jody Nolte introduced Trina Juilfs, case manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS). Trina brought us up to date on their organization. Amazingly, there are 9,000 children identified in the three-county area (Benton, Jones and Linn) who qualify for the program. They currently serve 744 kids, ages 6-14 and have 68 kids who have been assessed/approved/and are ready for a match. BBBS looks for these characteristics in families: a single parent home, low income level, low educational level and parents who want their children to succeed in school and life. BBBS asks for a one year commitment by the volunteer and the ability to meet 2-4 times per month. Over 50 matches have lasted 5 years or more. The organization in Cedar Rapids started in 1975 as Big Brothers. It was part of the YMCA then. In 1980 Big Sisters was added; and in 1982 it broke from the YMCA. Nationally, BBBS is the oldest and largest youth-mentoring program in existence. They run three basic programs:

1. Community-based: what we typically think of as the core program;
2. School-based: a middle school program that meets every other week with kids/mentors to discuss life schools, drug education, study skills, etc.
3. Lunch buddies: (matches meet once-twice a month for lunch)

Bowl For Kids Sake, the annual fundraiser for BBBS, raised over \$285,000 this past month.

Great program, Trina.

For more information on Big Brothers and Big Sisters, [click on this link for their web page](#)

Word for the day: The master, the word master that is, Don Grimm, baffled us with "fettle", a verb. There was a hush over the crowd as no one, once again, had a clue. The answer: To make ready, put in order, arrange. Used in a sentence, it could go something like this: Dick and

Charlene Boardman fettled a day at home in anticipation of their son's arrival.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach

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Wednesday, April 4th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage.

Guests: Mike Poggenklass (membership application approved); Pat Sherman, a visiting Kiwanian from North Dakota, and his guest Mike Donaldson; and Steve Walrath (membership application approved)

Birthdays: April 7: Jim Platt; April 8: Richard Boardman (he's eagerly anticipating Dan treating him to a steak and lobster dinner)

Anniversaries: April 5: Janet Blackledge ('94); April 4: Deb Fisher ('06)

Announcements: There will be a brief board meeting at the podium after the meeting. Another big round of applause for Dan Breitbach, John Anderson, Gain Darrow, and the pancake team for a great contribution of time and treasure!

Happy Bucks: Chuck Wehage is over the flu (or did he flu over?); David Graeff is happy that the \$55 million pitcher for the Royals led them to a 7-1 win over the Red Sox on opening day, meaning the Royals are undefeated for the season with a 1-0 record and in first place; Ron Sunderman is happy snow is in the air; Dan Breitbach was doubly

happy that his father had another year and that he was approaching, had approached, or will be approaching at some point the anniversary of the discovery of his real parents, although he's wondering where the allowance is (and Dick and Charlene are wondering about the steak and lobster); Keith Sutherland was happy to be back, although when he leaves the weather improves, and when he returns it gets worse; and John Schweitzer made a pun about the snow that broke my pen when I groaned, so I was unable to record it accurately.

Next week's program: Former Kiwanian Ellen Skripsky, Master Gardener--bring your questions about spring work in the garden, flower bed, and yard!

Speaker: Kiwanian Bob Dye and Randy Herold presented about Youth for Christ. Bob noted the many contributions Kiwanis has made to YFC over the years, including a 15-passenger van in 1977, six canoes (still in use!) in 1979, a big grill for the chuckwagon (still in use!) in 1984, and scholarships over the years for camping trips. YFC was founded in 1945 and is in 85 countries. It came to eastern Iowa in 1962; Bob Dye has been with the organization since 1970. The organization provides guidance to high school and middle school students. Camping is an important part, with two camping programs. The first is the Caravan, which started in 1972 and includes river rafting, hiking, climbing, food, etc., and service. The Caravan serves mostly high school students, and the students pay their own way. Randy Herold provided information on Kids Across America (KAA) Kamps, which provides guidance to at-risk children, mostly middle school-aged. This summer, 37 middle school and 7 high school students will attend the camp, which is 60 miles southwest of Branson, MO. Eleven of the students are in the juvenile court system. Of the 45, 15 can pay their way, 7 are paid through a federal grant, and 22 come on scholarship. Both events are life-changing experiences for the kids, and the mentoring continues throughout the year.

Word for the day: "Enconium"--a formal or high-flown expression of praise; a eulogy, panegyric (Keith Sutherland knew this word, for which he received many enconia!)

Submitted: Joe Nolte

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Wednesday, April 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 30 Members in attendance. New members in attendance but not yet inducted: Steve Walrath and Michael Poggenklass.

[Guests](#): Terry Main

[Birthdays](#): None

[Anniversaries](#): None

[Announcements](#): Jim Doyne reported that Dwayne Kurrelmeyer had a stroke and is on the 6th floor of St. Luke's Hospital. He is accepting visitors. Our prayers are with him and Doris. Cargill called our club. They have had a gumball machine and it hasn't been filled with product for maybe twenty years. They were going to throw it away and Chuck went over and got it. He brought it to the meeting. It is quite an antique, being a 10 cent gum ball machine. He is working on getting the key to raid it of the dimes. There are probably some silver ones in there!

[Happy Bucks](#): Dan Breitbach was happy that his parents went out to dinner with him and his wife on his dad's birthday and, for once, didn't stick him with the bill.

Chuck is happy that Sunderman is buying all the car

insurance that he needs these days and that Chuck doesn't have to pay the premiums that Ron has to pay. Ron was happy to pay a buck, too, because today all his cars are healthy.

Don Grimm was happy that the article he wrote for Model Engine Builder Magazine was published. He says this is disrupting his retirement and tax plans.

Next week's program:

Speaker:

Ellen Scripsky did a talk on being a Master Gardener. She has 11 talks scheduled on this subject in the near future so she is very illustrious.

A kitchen garden is different from other gardens. The kitchen garden uses a raised flowerbed and a raised vegetable bed. It uses vertical gardening and container gardening. These kitchen gardens can be anywhere. She has one that is knee high, 4x4 and 12 inches deep. She uses three cross members so this gives her 16 spaces in which to plant. This is geared for people who live in a condo and want a small vegetable garden. There is a book called All New Square Foot Gardening by Lou Barthalomew.

Ellen says that you should not use Roundup or Burpee paper. Take the sod up and repair the lawn then lay the garden cloth down and put the frame down. You may have to trench it in.

A foot square garden or elevated flowerbed has to have at least eight hours of sunshine a day. Do not use old garden soil, as you will bring disease or insects along. You want a good loam with good drainage. She buys peat and vermiculite by the half-bale and uses three bags of manure that is cow or horse manure. The manure must be three to four years old. She did not say where to get three-year-old cow manure. This gives the best organic matter, which gives the best vegetables. More manure = tasty vegetables! Gotta love that good old cow manure! She uses a mask when she mixes the dirt. This is because it smells. She

sneezes when she smells it so that is why she uses a mask. She mixes on a tarp then puts it into her square foot garden or raised garden.

It can be right outside her kitchen door. She needs a pale. No hoes are needed she says. She likes a sharp trowel to dig with. A pencil is important and a pair of scissors. Also gloves are needed. These are used for planting. In square foot gardening a pencil is used to mark 1/2 inch down into the soil to punch holes and put in the seeds. Use purple gloves that are lightweight. Tender gloves are important so that you don't stress the plants.

You won't find some of her plants at the farmer's market. Good companies to buy seeds from are Heritage and Skippers. If you want one of these catalogs she can get it for you.

Think outside the box, she says, and think about picking it fresh and putting it on your table or grill (try to forget about the manure).

When you harvest your vegetables, first cut a loaf of French bread in half, then take all your vegetables, wash them, then put them all into a food processor and mush them all up. Then put this on your bread with some Parmesan cheese put the concoction in the oven. At this time you should then go out into the back yard and have a beer.

The snow we are having today is good. It melts slowly and is absorbed. Master Gardeners sharpen their hoes on days like this. If you are using a clay pot then make sure it is clean, then soak it overnight before you plant anything in it. If you plant a tomato plant in a clay pot that wasn't pre-soaked then, after planting, it will pull the moisture from the plant and make it very thirsty! Put a coffee filter in the bottom of your clay pot so that soil doesn't go down into the tray all the time. Also, when planting anything in containers you need excellent drainage. Always add coarse vermiculite and not Pearlite. Pearlite is bad. When you water a container containing Pearlite it floats to the top and then blows away. Coarse vermiculite stays in the soil and absorbs moisture well.

In using square foot gardening or container gardening you need to water the soil regularly and add nutrients. She keeps compost around and adds it every three weeks.

She says to use good common sense when gardening. Crocket's Victory Garden book can't be beat, she says. Go buy it! It is great! It is not on the market anymore so the only way to get it is through eBay. She has four of these books because all her relatives bought them for her. Crocket takes it by the month and tells you what to do if you want to do some gardening in your spare time. Crocket also has flower information. She saw two of these at the used bookstore across from Lindale and was surprised.

She has brochures, too, on gardening, if you want some. For water grass in your yard use Step One to kill. Put on weed control in April and May. Spray your fruit trees now. When the forsythia is blooming then do not prune them. Wait until blooming bushes are done blooming before you prune them, then prune only 1/3 per year.

Get a "Hort Line" card and someone will talk to you if you call him or her. On April 17 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm she will be in Beam Auditorium to introduce Pam Doofey who will speak on "Continuous Color in you Garden". This is free to the public. Bring your wives or girlfriends, but not both.

Ergonomic pruners are excellent, she says. They are sharp and don't place stress on arthritic hands unless you cut yourself with them, of course, so try not to. Ergonomic weeders are Culver's but she gets them from Garden Supply Magazine.

Wow, she says, the feature story in Garden Supply Magazine this month is "The Kitchen Garden". And they didn't even know she was coming to our club to talk about that very subject! Ergonomic trowels dig very well and don't hurt. She got hers from Germany. She is <censored> years old and says it was worth every cent to get these ergonomic tools. She has a hat from Jim Beam, she says. It goes down her back so the bugs can't bite her. She always carries water and drinks it when she gets dehydrated. She

also carries wipes because she never uses her pruners on another bush before wiping! Always wipe after pruning! You could have diseased hostas with root rot! Beware and don't transmit disease. Wipe, wipe, wipe! Use good shoes to garden! Get some green rubber boots and put them in the front and back and an extra inside. Your feet must have support! Get good gloves, too. Purple, tender ones are good. Compost gloves are different and less tender. Watch out for the worms in the compost so use sturdy gloves. Leather gloves are for thorn bushes like roses. Don't prune roses until the weather is warm. She has bionic gloves developed by a surgeon made of deerskin. This is her third pair. They are washable and she uses for raking and mowing. They have pads on both sides and a heavy strap. Don't get these gloves wet as they will shrivel up. They cost \$39 so take care of them for crying out loud. The end.

Word for the day: Homunculus. Defined as a little or diminutive man. A manikin.

Submitted: Dr. David Graeff

KIWANIS SPEAKER COORDINATORS:

March: Kelly Allen

April: Joe Schmall

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, April 18th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 30 Members in attendance.

Guests: Two brothers of Richard Boardman, and Terry Main (and member applicant), who is moving to Cedar Rapids from Muscatine.

Birthdays: Doug Dix - April 18, Duane Kurrelmeyer - April 19, and Bob Hatala - April 21

Anniversaries: Duane Kurrelmeyer - April 17

Announcements: Duane Kurrelmeyer is being released from the hospital today. And Doug Dix, leading the nominating committee, is looking for candidates to serve on the board next year.

Happy Bucks: Richard Boardman, Chuck Wehage, John Schweitzer, Don Grimm, Ray Vaughn, Jim Doyne, Keith Sutherland, Charlene Boardman, and Joe Nolte were happy. .

Next week's program: Jim Hodina, from the Linn County Health Department, to discuss Air Quality.

Speaker: The speakers were Kay Bloom, Xavier Key Club Moderator; Mike Goldsmith, the Key Club Sponsor next year, Anna Burgason, Key Club president, Sam Bandel, Key Club vice president, Katie Schrack, Key Club secretary, and Steven Ball, Key Club Treasurer. They presented the activities of a year in the Key Club.

Word for the day: Festoon -- a chain of decorative vegetation suspended in a curved from between two points.

Submitted: Keith Sutherland

KIWANIS SPEAKER COORDINATORS:

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

March 27th 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 32 Members in attendance.

Guests: Steve Walrath – former member who dropped in and is considering re-joining. Steve is with A'Hearn Plumbing.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Special welcome back to Eldon Hans who had successful back surgery Feb. 6.

2. Chuck presented Jody Nolte with her official membership certificate and announced that a formal induction for Jim Moriarity will occur in the next week or so.

3. John Locher needs volunteers for Taylor Elementary School reading program.

4. John also announced that Families Helping Families is holding its annual Spring Gala and passed around some flyers.

5. Pancake Dan Breitbach-Henry reported on the recently completed breakfast. In capsule form and unaudited as usual are the results. Keep in mind that there

are several outstanding bills totaling approximately \$500 that haven't been paid and Dan needs to compare revenue figures with Gerry's figures.

-We sold 1949 (Goal of 1990) tickets for a grand total of \$10,258.00 (Goal of \$10,360) which includes Arby's \$500 contribution for sponsorship on the back of the tickets.

-The \$1 increase in ticket price and the increased sales resulted in approximately \$2000 in additional revenue over last year.

-With expenses expected to approach \$1600, we should net around \$8600.

-Of the 51 active members, 36 sold tickets this year.

-Corporate ticket sales hit its goal of 1050 with sales of 1055.

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Next week's program:

Speaker: Jody Nolte introduced Trina Juilfs, case manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS). Trina brought us up to date on their organization. Amazingly, there are 9,000 children identified in the three-county area (Benton, Jones and Linn) who qualify for the program. They currently serve 744 kids, ages 6-14 and have 68 kids who have been assessed/approved/and are ready for a match. BBBS looks for these characteristics in families: a single parent home, low income level, low educational level and parents who want their children to succeed in school and life. BBBS asks for a one year commitment by the volunteer and the ability to meet 2-4 times per month. Over 50 matches have lasted 5 years or more. The organization in Cedar Rapids started in 1975 as Big Brothers. It was part of the YMCA then. In 1980 Big Sisters was added; and in 1982 it broke from the YMCA. Nationally, BBBS is the oldest and largest youth-mentoring program in existence. They run three basic programs:

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Wednesday, May 2nd, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Jerry Baner May 2nd. and Keith Sutherland May 8th

Anniversaries: May 2nd. Lonna Drewelow 1989, Ron Sunderman 2000, Joe Nolte 2001, Don Grimm 2001. May 5th. Al Gravelie 1959, Gerry Kneeland 1987, Bob Dye 2005*, May 6th (Bob was also a member at an earlier time.) Chuck Wehage 2003.

Announcements: Thank you notes were read from eye glass recipients. Jim Doyne reports that Duane Kurremeyer is able to drive and was planning on making the meeting today. We didn't see Duane but that sure sounds good.

Happy Bucks: Many, but I forgot I was the scribe and thus did not get them written down.

Next week's program:

Speaker: Our own Ron Sunderman gave an exciting rendition of his wife's life experience with the horseless carriage. The movie version should be better than Field of Dreams and the new baseball flick out of Norway. We understand that she will do the stunt work in the production as it may be impossible for anyone else to duplicate it. Mr. Clean will play the part of Ron and Phyllis Diller will be cast as the ever present insurance adjuster.

The movie will start out with the early days of marriage when Ron taught his wife how to drive

Doug Dix along with sponsors inducted James Moriarty (lawyer) and Mike Poggenklass (wealth manager) into the club. Sorry to say again, that I was asleep at the switch and did not get their vitals written down. It is great to have them as an addition to our club.

Word for the day: Contrapose - To set in opposition, or over against each other. Sorry to say, it was too easy. Must be lots of that going around.

Submitted:

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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, May 9th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 38
Members in attendance.

Guests:

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Mary Corkery (2000), David Graeff (1985) and Joseph Schmall (1985). Ray Vaughn informed us that he had been a Kiwanian for 49 years now . He informed the membership in attendance what a marvelous experience it has been for him and how great it is to be a Kiwanian. Congratulations Ray on your service to this club

Announcements:

Happy Bucks: Dave Graeff, Joe Schmall, Dan Breitbach, John Anderson and yes, Don Grimm paid his IOU's from last week. .

Next week's program:

Speaker: The program for the day was State Senator Robb Hogg who represents District 19 from NE/SE Cedar Rapids. Robb is an attorney with a law firm from CR and had served 2 sessions in the Iowa House before being elected to the Iowa State Senate. Following an introduction by Keith Sutherland, Robb enlightened the club regarding what he felt were the most important pieces of legislation passed by the Iowa House and Senate this year. Included were pieces of legislation raising the tobacco tax, raising the minimum wage, increased funding for Medicaid,

increased support for community colleges, and a resolution honoring Zach Johnson as the winner of the Master's Tournament.

Word for the day: MIMESIS Rhetorical, A figure of speech, whereby the supposed words or actions of another are imitated. Mr. Grimm pleaded that he not have to come up with another dollar as he was broke from paying his IOU's to the club. He didn't have to pay.

Submitted: Janet Blackledge

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, May 16th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 26
Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Lonna Drewelow, John Schweitzer

Announcements: Doug Dix: nominating committee presents:
for President: Kelly Moore

1st VP: Bob Hatala

2nd VP: Bob Lee

Board of Directors: Katie Hiatt-Braasch, Rod Thorpe

Secretary: Sister Charmaine Le Maire

Treasurer: Gerry Kneeland

Election will take place two weeks from today, i.e., May 30.

2. Sister Charmaine and Rod Thorpe reported that Ray Vaughn was injured in an accident at his home. He spent a night in the hospital and is now at home recovering. He will be on golf's injured reserve list for 3 weeks.

3. Dick Boardman reported that Dwayne Kurrelmeyer injured his hand, but is doing OK.

4. Dan Breitbach, Chuck Wehage and Sister Charmaine attended Kay Bloom's retirement ceremony at Xavier. Kay is to be commended for her

fine efforts in building and promoting Key Club at Xavier. We wish her and her husband well in their retirement in Michigan.

Happy Bucks: Dan B: commemorating his "parents." Dick Boardman: "you can be replaced." Steve Walrath: ... in hopes for an inheritance, too. Schweitzer: hoping to replace Dan with the gumball machine. Doug Dix: honoring Phil Mickelson, who won in spite of himself. Don Grimm: \$10 for all unannounced happiness, minus one for the word of the day. Dave Graeff: commemorating & feeling great empathy for the pro golfer who took 7 on par 3. Joe Nolte: for finding Jim Doyne on the radio as he wended his way to Ft Dodge, and for the last of his brothers graduating from high school. Dan Breitbach: for Jim Doyne mentioning his name on air and causing an former teacher to look him up. .

Next week's program:

Speaker: Lt. Gov to be from Byron reported on the word of the District Foundation and its fund raising programs, especially the Pediatric Trauma Kit program. Clubs are encouraged to donate \$5 per yr per member to support the Foundation. Individuals can also donate. Levels of Giving: life member, \$100. Star: \$200. Bartlett: in memory of Wes Bartlet, the first International President from Iowa. \$1000, which can be given in installments. Members can donate by automatic bank draft each month.

The International Foundation has sponsored a number of highly significant projects, including the iodine project in the 1990s. This project reached out to 80% of the world's population and is one of the most successful charitable projects of the past decades. It has also funded schools in Central America, parks in US cities, Early Education programs for children in Jamaica. Our club has donated \$800 in July of 2006; a 2007 donation will be welcomed.

Byron would like to see a new chapter formed in Cedar Rapids and centered in the Edgewood HyVee store. It would expect to draw membership from Aegon and the other businesses in the newly developing commercial area on the west corner of town.

Word for the day:

Submitted:

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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, May 23rd, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 26 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Doug Dix announced the slate of officer candidates for the second week in a row: Kelly Moore – President; Bob Hatala – 1st Vice-Pres.; Dan Breitbach – 2nd Vice Pres.; Sister Charmaine – Secretary; and Gerry Kneeland – Treasurer. Board nominees are Rod Thorpe, Bob Dye and Katy Hiatt-Braasch. Voting will take place at our next meeting, May 30.

Happy Bucks: Duane Kurrelmeyer - \$1 for a birthday, \$1 for an anniversary and \$1 just thankful to be here; Don Grimm - \$1 for RCRB receiving the State of Iowa Shining Star award in Des Moines; John Anderson - \$1 for Duane and begrudgingly \$1 for Breitbach; Dick Boardman - \$1 for Duane; Chuck Wehage - \$1 for Duane being back to explain the pinball machine status; Ray Vaughn - \$1 for being back after the hand/arm incident; Jim Doyne - \$1 for Duane; Kevin McCarville - \$2.50 each for Duane and Ray; Bob Dye - \$1 for our club's sponsorship for KAA camp; Joe Schmall - \$1 for Xavier's state team track championship; Kevin Carlson - \$1 didn't catch what he said but he was happy; Steve Walrath - \$1 for his son's pending high school graduation; Mel Rhodes \$1 for Duane; and Dan Breitbach - \$1 for a great family photo oppty at Read's.

Meeting Note: June 13 – Gary Dolphin

Speaker: Kevin Carlson introduced Todd Willey, a third generation farmer who operates a pork production company just north of us. Todd is on the speakers' bureau for Operation Mainstream whose purpose is to help educate the general public about pork production. He did mention a connection to our club – his uncle farms Eldon Hans' farm.

Todd gave a very informative and interesting talk. He mentioned two major changes that have occurred in the past 28 years that have impacted the pork industry and how they do business. One, the demand for a healthier, leaner meat due to the health concerns in the late 70s and early 80s about fatty meats causing heart disease forced farmers to move pigs into climate controlled confinement buildings to protect them from extremes in weather temps. Two, agriculture in general has followed the corporate model of consolidation so we see fewer farmers producing the same number of pigs or more. Todd stressed that as a third generation farmer, he is committed to being good stewards of the environment. The sophistication in today's pork production from waste disposal to odor control to factors involved in purchasing sows has come a long way from the days of old.

Thanks Todd for your presentation.

Word for the day: ululate: a verb meaning to howl or wail; to lament loudly

Submitted: Dan Breitbart

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, May 30th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 25
Members in attendance.

Guests: Joe Maloney- V.P. of Xavier's Key Club. He attended the
Kiwanis leadership conference last year sponsored by us.

Birthdays: Joe Nolte who was not there. He was out partying.

Anniversaries: Doug Dix and Robert Hatala

Announcements: June 5 Board meeting at Bradley and Riley

Happy Bucks: Paul Anderson--for Dan Schwitters and for buying a
new house in Overland Park KS. Don Grimm- Lived through a
Memorial Day Service, barely. Jim Platt- No button last week. Doug
Dix - a total of \$5 for Dan Schwitters, Kay Bloom, Paul Anderson, his
Daughter, and his anniversary. Keith- Don saw a moose. John
Schweitzer- Kay and Paul Anderson. Kay Bloom - for Paul A. and for
having a few months left before she moves. Chuck- Had guns shot near
his ear in 1961.

Next week's program: Gary Dolphin, Voice of the Hawkeyes

Speaker: Our own Kevin Carlson gave a great presentation regarding
small business funding. Most common forms are from family and seller
financed. Kevin also talked about the S.C.O.R.E. program he is a
part of. It stands for the Service Corp of Retired Executives which
gives advice to new businesses.

Word for the day:

Submitted: John Locher

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Wednesday, June 7th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Second Vice President Bob Hatala. 21 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Fran Brown

Anniversaries: Katy Hiatt-Braasch

Announcements: Ray Vaughn visited Rick Chandler, who is undergoing chemo treatment for lung cancer, and whose prognosis is still unknown. He reported that Rick is not in good spirits, and would appreciate hearing from his friends by card, e-mail, calls, and visits. Let Sister Charmaine know if you would like to receive the club roster by e-mail. Please sign up to take a turn as scribe for a meeting or two.

Happy Bucks: Dan Breitbach, Fran Brown, Don Grimm, Ron Sundermann, and Keith Sutherland were happy. .

Next week's program: Two for the price of one! Gary Dolphin, Hawkeye broadcaster,

Speaker: The speaker was Janet Wilhelm, the executive director of the Freedom Festival. She reviewed and highlighted the schedule for this year's festival, which starts June 19, runs for 16 days, and includes more than 80 events. The details are at <http://freedomfestival.com/>. Again this year, the Freedom Festival needs volunteers,

and will reward a group of 10 people who work one 2.5-hour shift by contributing \$250 to the organization of their choice.

Word for the day: Antinomian -- opposed to or denying the fixed meaning or universal applicability of moral law.

Submitted: Keith Sutherland

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, June 13th 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage.

Guests: Tom Moore, Executive Director of the African American History Center. Brendon Burchard, who belongs to Kiwanis in San Francisco, has written a book entitled "Life's Golden Ticket". He was inspired to write the book by having a near death experience several years ago. Brendon was in town promoting Junior Achievement.

Birthdays: Dan Breitbach

Anniversaries: None

Announcements, Word for the Day and Happy Bucks: In order to give more time to our principal speaker, many of our normal meeting activities were saved until next week.

Next week's program: Mary Lundby, State Senator for Linn County

Speaker: Gary Dolphin, the voice of the Iowa Hawkeyes, gave an update on sports programs at U of I. He focused primarily on basketball and football but mentioned that all the sports are thriving thanks to our.

Submitted: Doug Dix

KIWANIS SPEAKER COORDINATORS:

June: Joe Nolte

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, June 20th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 20
Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Although not an announcement, Kevin Carlson did a little trivia questioning on Dan Breitbach's rather forgettable coaching career at Coe. 2. Chris Dodd will be speaking at Coe June 26 at noon in Stuart Hall as part of the Service to America program. 3. No meeting on July 4th 4. The board meeting for July has been moved to July 10th. (WEBMASTER NOTE: Mr. Breitbach's description of his coaching career as 'forgettable' is his own and is not shared by the membership-at-large. While not exactly the Coach K of Division 2, he is, after all, the only one among us who can say he coached a college basketball team.)

Happy Bucks: Chuck Wehage – finally figured out his brand new '80 something car problem – a converter issue; Dan Breitbach – pd a fine and a happy dollar out of pure joy; John Schweitzer – fishing in northern MN; Dick Boardman – happy he didn't get a present for his beloved son's recently passed birthday; Don Grimm – termination of his career as an airplane salesman/ he had an article published in the Modern Engine magazine/ and he's happy Chuck fixed his car problem; Jim Platt – happy for Jim Doyne on his birthday; Jim Doyne – happy he's having another one; Dr Graeff – he loves those White Sox for making his Royals look good – something about smoking mirror theory; and Joe Nolte paid big bucks (\$5) for his missed birthday and the upcoming fines from today's speaker.

Upcoming programs: (If I've misspelled any names, I apologize)

June 27 – Mary Lundby

July 11 – Dr. Cathy Graeff – Eastern Iowa Veterinary Specialty

Center

July 18 – Charlie Kress – Waste Not Iowa

July 25 – Michael Vale – INS

Speaker: Tom Moore, Executive Director of the African American Museum (AAM), gave a very informative talk on his organization and in particular, the currently running Juneteenth celebration. AAM was incorporated in 1994 in Cedar Rapids and has grown into a statewide organization with ten chapters and 68 communities involved with programs and exhibits. AAM has ten employees in CR and one starting in Des Moines this fall. Two key aspects of its mission are education and preservation, serving as a resource for the entire state.

Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom. It dates back to June 19, 1865 when the last slaves were freed in Texas. As Tom stated, it's actually a celebration for everyone in our country, not just blacks. Abolishing slavery removed a terrible stigma on our country. Juneteenth culminates its weeklong activities on Saturday, June 23 at the museum. Two interesting comments by Tom in regard to the Civil War: 1) at the heart of the Civil War was states' rights and at the heart of that issue was the legality of slavery; 2) 170,000 black soldiers fought in the Civil War and 30,000 died to keep our country united.

Thanks Tom for the great presentation and thanks Joe for the \$4 in fines.

Word for the day: We were blessed with two from the mighty wordsmith, Don Grimm:

rapacious: giving to grasping or taking for oneself; inordinately greedy.

detritus: Matter produced by the detrition or wearing away of exposed surfaces, especially the gravel, sand, clay, or other material eroded and washed away by aqueous agency (what did I just say?)

Submitted: : Dan Boardman Breitbach the 1st

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The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests:

Birthdays: Jim Doyne, Dave Graeff, and Pam Landon. The membership sang "Happy Birthday" even though Mr. Doyne offered to pay us not to.

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: No meeting next Wednesday, July 4th. Board meeting July 10th. Next meeting July 11th.

Happy Bucks: Joe Schmall for his 25th wedding anniversary; John Anderson for his attendance at the "Indy Car Demolition Derby" last Sunday at Newton, Charlene Boardman at her fifth year of Kiwanis membership; and President Wehage at passing is instrument proficiency test so he can continue to fly the friendly skies in both good weather and bad.

Next week's program:

Speaker: Michael Poggenklass introduced 4th District City Councilman Chuck Swore. Councilman Swore spoke about the Twins Pines Golf Course issue, Five

Seasons Center issue, Zach Johnson Drive (as in roadway...) controversy, West Dale Mall issue, Farmstead property issue, and the Shaver Park issue. Members asked questions regarding many of the topics and offered suggestions for Mr. Swore to consider. Many members asked about the pros and cons of Downtown renewal and questioned whether or not we will ever see the big retail stores will ever be a part of Downtown...(the answer was "probably not"). Mr. Swore indicated that with the city being "broke" it is now forced to make decisions in a more businesslike and less parochial way.

Word for the day: Don Grimm offered the word "doyen." After several failed attempts at the correct definition, the membership declared themselves officially stumped.
Definition: The senior member of a body. Dean.

Submitted:

KIWANIS SPEAKER COORDINATORS:

May: Kevin Carlson

June: Joe Nolte

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday: July 11th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 32 Members in attendance.

Guests: Bob McAvoy although he preferred to be considered a member, so he's included in the member attendance # above.

Birthdays: Jim Moriarity - July 13

Anniversaries: Dave Gosch - July 2005 and Fran Brown - July 1996

Announcements: 1. Kelly Moore - Kiwanis day at the Kernels is set for July 29, 2 pm game. Tickets are \$7 each. Sign up sheet going around this week and next. 2. Kelly Moore - Neb-IA District Convention in Spencer, IA on August 10-12. Let Kelly know if plan to attend. 3. Chuck - We've been asked to help clean up Camp Tanager's camp on Sunday, August 12. Need 8-10 volunteers. 4. Ray Vaughn - Very sad news: Al Gravelie passed away this morning. Al was a longtime and loyal Kiwanian who will be sorely missed. Ray also reported that Rick Chandler is home after 2 wks in the hospital to get fluid out of the lungs. He'd appreciate a call or card.

Happy Bucks: Chuck - made it back safe from his LA airplane trip; Kevin McCarville - happy to see Janet with

us; Janet - \$9 as a cat has 9 lives, she feels fortunate to have survived the crash and hopes she has 8 lives remaining; Dick Boardman - \$2, one for Janet and one for John's plane repair fund; John Schweitzer - \$2, one for Janet and the other for having Duane Kurrelmeyer back; Ron Sunderman - spared the crowd with no bad joke today; Bob McAvoy - was told to put a dollar in; Dr. Graeff - something about the American League winning for the 10th time in past 11 games in the annual All Star game last night; Chuck - stepped in for Ron with a bad joke; Dan Breitbach - \$2, one for Janet and the other for the Cubs going all the way.

Next week's program: Charlie Cress - Waste Not Iowa

Speaker: Dr. Graeff introduced Dr. Graf, Dr. Kathy Graf with the Eastern Iowa Veterinary Specialty Center (EIVSC). As you can tell by the spelling, they are not related. However, she is related to her husband who goes by the same last name, Graf. Interesting how that works.

Kathy gave a very informative presentation on the EIVSC. It serves two primary purposes: 1) A 24 hour emergency care vet facility; and 2) A provider of referral services. EIVSC is the only 24 emergency care facility in eastern Iowa and it serves dogs, cats and pocket pets. It is located east of the airport about 2 blocks south of the gas station, hotel corner at Wright Blvd and Hwy 965. There are 7 doctors, four of which are specialists and three ER doctors. Also on staff are 9 certified vet assts, 10 vet assts, 5 receptionists and 1 hospital mgr. They hope to hire another ER vet in the next year. Kathy ran down the various specialty areas that now exist in veterinary science and it's like reading a directory of a regular hospital: internal medicine, surgery, dermatology, ophthalmology, oncology, cardiology, anesthesiology, emergency & critical care and others. EIVSC works closely with the local and area vet clinics to provide services after hours, in acute emergency situations or when the local clinics are swamped and someone needs immediate care. Business has steadily improved since it opened in 2005, indicating a strong need for this service in eastern Iowa. Thanks so much for the talk,

Kathy and enjoy the mug.

Word for the day: Unfortunately, there was no intelligent life at the meeting and therefore, no word for the day as word master, Don Grimm, was elsewhere.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Wednesday, July 25th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 26 Members in attendance.

Guests: Charlene Boardman tried to sneak one by but the ever vigilant Sister C. was not to be outsmarted. Happy Birthday Mom! The Club did a beautiful rendition of the birthday song and she paid handsomely to the kitty.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Chuck Wehage reminded everyone of the Kiwanis day at the Kernels game was this Sunday, July 29 starting at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 each. Chuck also announced that John Locher has a volunteer day set for Sunday, August 12, 12:30 p.m. at Camp Tanager, located on old Mt. Vernon Highway. More info next week. Jim Platt announced that Presidential candidate, Barak Obama, will be at Roosevelt Middle School this coming Monday, August 30. Arrive by 8:30 a.m., program at 9:00. Chuck announced that the Vanderschaaf's celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Happy Bucks: . Jim Platt paid one for his political

announcement; Jim Moriarity – great news that his son has completed his stint with the Army and will be residing in the Twin Cities; Doug Dix – for Rick Chandler; Don Grimm – received an email from an old college buddy that he hadn't seen in 30 some years, back when it was common for engineering students to create bionic, mechanic mice (at least according to Chuck); Keith Sutherland – he can still sit down after a half day ride at Ragbrai; Joe Nolte – family vacation next week and he can't wait to hit Snoopy Land; or was that his son he was talking about; Kelly Allen – although absent had \$5 for Rick Chandler and to assure the Club that she will be back; Dan Breitbach – for the outstanding work Joe Schmall's son, Dan, has done detassling for his son, Tommy. Dan also had a phantom buck for his mother's birthday – it was the same phantom buck he gets for his phantom allowance.

Next week's program: "Stay Tuned"

Speaker: Dave Graeff introduced Michael Vale, Resident Agent in Charge for the CR US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office for Homeland Security. Understanding Dr. Graeff's background will explain why he started his introduction by announcing that Mike had a dog – Honey, two cats – Pouncer and Princess, and two rabbits – Cookies and Cream. For a minute we thought he was introducing Dr. Doolittle.

Mike gave a very informative presentation, complete with video, on the ICE operation in this country and in particular, in our area. ICE has six main priorities or operations to combat criminal activities:

Operation Predator – against sexual predators, child molesters

Operation Cornerstone – against money laundering, commercial fraud, funding terrorism

Operation Ice Storm – against human trafficking, drug, human and weapons smuggling

Operation Fugitive – against top ten most wanted in country

Operation ICE in Iraq – first civilian force used

Operation Community Shield – against gang activity

The main initiatives in Mike's office are bulk cash smuggling and money laundering, gang activity, protecting children from predators, identity theft and benefit fraud, and drug smuggling and human trafficking. It was very interesting to hear Mike's examples of busts they've made that have national implications.

Cedar Rapids/eastern Iowa is part of the SAC St. Paul AOR which covers five states: MN, SD, ND, NE, and IA. What does SAC and AOR stand for? See me at the next meeting.

To contact ICE: 1-866-DHS-2ICE

Thanks Mike for the great program.

Word for the day: Don Grimm did not find enlightenment in the group today. The word was "orthography".

Definition: Correct or proper spelling; spelling according to accepted usage; the way in which words are conventionally written. (By extension) Any mode or system of spelling.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, August 1st, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Glen Fox 8/3; John Schweitzer and Jeff Hollingsworth 8/4

Anniversaries: Kevin McCarville 8/5 and John Locher 8/7

Announcements: John Locher had two volunteer opportunity announcements: 1) filling backpacks for Families Helping Families Thursday, August 2 beginning at 5:00 pm. Address is 1000 Summit Ave SW, just off C Street SW. 2) Camp Tanager cleanup is Sunday, August 12 at 12:30 p.m.

Board meeting is Tuesday, August 7 at Bradley & Riley.

Happy Bucks: John Anderson – for John Waggoner's spirit living on; John Schweitzer – 70th birthday has been a breeze; Keith Sutherland – niece and husband _____ (can you tell I forgot why Keith is happy?); Bob Hatala – another for John Waggoner; Dan Breitbach Boardman –

3 bucks: one for this week, one for the Club being very happy that he will be gone next week, and the 3rd for the Club being ecstatic that he will be gone the following week as well; Dick Boardman – happy that son is leaving for two weeks.

Next week's program:

Speaker: Rod Thorpe introduced Angela Berns, the Director of Volunteer Services at St. Lukes. Angela was formerly the director of RSVP. Angela gave a great presentation on W.R.A.P., Wheelchair Ramp Accessibility Program. The program actually began in 2005 when a group of concerned individuals, including a number of Rockwell engineers. At the time there was no one organization that a person needing ramp accessibility to their home could contact. WRAP was formed with the mission to provide flexible and affordable home access on a timely basis those in need. Since its beginning over 20 agencies/organizations have partnered with WRAP. There are several committees that implement the organization's work including marketing (Rod – chair), risk assessment and control (John Anderson – chair), intake (Keith Sutherland – chair), design and financial management. WRAP is in the process of developing a comprehensive vision to create a model for other communities. The demand for ramp accessibility currently exceeds the funding available. Costs to install a ramp are unique to each location and consequently vary greatly. Some people are capable of funding the project themselves but many are not. This might be something our Club would be interested in funding as well as volunteering to help build. WRAP is seeking volunteers and organizations to join in its efforts.

Angela is the contact for WRAP and she can be reached at 369-7044 or wrap@crstlukes.com.

Word for the day: Lo and behold, we got one right or should I say, Keith Sutherland got it right. The word is “cavil” and the definition is “to object, dispute, or find fault unfairly or without good reason”. Use in a sentence you

ask? Dick and Charlene Boardman have caviled their good son on more than one occasion.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, August 22, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 31 Members in attendance.

Guests: Bob McAvoy although he's more like a member than not.

Birthdays: Aaron Randolph

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: A sparse day for announcements. The only one: The Officers' installation dinner is set for September 26 at Coe College. Details will come later but the cost will be \$10. Rumor has it that if you want premium seating, send an additional \$10 to Kelly Allen's treasurer, Dan Breitbach, and you might get a better seat than someone else.

Happy Bucks: . We did have some happy people: Jim Platt gave \$5 figuring he'd get fined for wearing an Obama badge; John Schweitzer - Fran's fine fine playing puts him in a good mood; Don Grimm - son-in-law and daughter camping in Idaho within earshot of an Air Force bombing site; Joe Schmall - something about this time of year, greatest sport of all, officiating a Coe scrimmage; Keith

Sutherland – happy the electric company keeps power to his A/C during the heat wave; Chuck Wehage – happy Glen Fox is handling the shoe program and still sane; Charlene Boardman – overjoyed to see both her sons (at a distance); Steve Walrath – happy mom recognized her; Dan Breitbach – comfortable in his own skin despite absentee parenting; John Anderson – misinterpreted mom Charlene's missing her sons with the car and not emotionally; Dr. Graeff – begrudgingly happy the Cubs are in the hunt and for the greatest season of all; Bob Dye – just peachy happy that peach sales are going great and to buy next Monday-Tuesday before they are gone.

Next week's program: Didn't catch the name but we will have the Executive Director of the Art Museum as next week's speaker.

Speaker: Bob Brooks, long long long time sports announcer, 65 years in fact, gave his insight into sports and in particular, the Hawkeye football team. Bob made some general comments on the impact computers, Facebook, blogs, etc. have allowed anyone to create their own sports story. In light of the recent happenings at Iowa with the credit card theft, some of these stories aren't positive.

On a brighter side, he thinks the Hawks can go 10-2 if the team keeps progressing and QB Jake Christensen can do the job well. He feels the schedule is very favorable, without the likes of Michigan and Ohio State on the schedule. The marquee game should be at Wisconsin. There is good depth at receiver, despite the loss of Douglas. The defensive secondary should be much improved and he's confident that the offensive line play will be tough by mid-season as this is Ferentz's specialty. Thanks, Bob for the talk.

Word for the day: Don Grimm almost stumped the crowd with "sardonic". I didn't get the slip from Don which is bittersweet news to you and also one of the definitions. Several members, including Keith Sutherland, danced around the definition enough to force Don and Chuck to cough up the big bucks.

Webmaster Note: From Wiktionary, 'sardonic - Scornfully mocking or cynical, disdainfully or ironically humorous. And for you gardeners, the root of this word may come from the flower ranunculus sardous (buttercup) which, when eaten, produces a sour or grimacing face.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, August 29, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 30 Members in attendance.

Guests: Byron Taber, new Lt. Governor and Marion Metro Club member. Kathy Hedlund, guest of Don Grimm. Kathy has lived in CR a long time; is a widow with two daughters, Polly and Peggy. Wanted to check out our club.

Birthdays: Don Grimm 9/1

Anniversaries: none

Announcements: 1. Byron announced the forming of a new club: CREW - Cedar Rapids Edgewood Club at Aegon. And, this Thursday/Friday, Aug. 30-31st are clean-up nights at the Kernels games. Money raised will go toward the purchase of a pediatric trauma kit

2. Installation dinner is set for Wednesday, September 26 at Coe College.

Happy Bucks: Ron Sunderman - an embarrassment buck for getting kicked off aol.com; however, it was for a great cause: his daughter's friend has terminal cancer and friends

are raising money to help defray mounting costs. John Anderson – happy at the expense of Schmall and Breitbach for their sons' names appearing in the paper recently. Joe Schmall and Dan Breitbach pay the fine begrudgingly happily. John Locher – thanks to those who helped with Camp Tanager clean up while he was slumming in Portugal on company money. Janet Blackledge – upcoming 14 days in the Mediterranean if she can get new glasses in time. Byron Taber – Kernels' foundation check will help them reach their \$4000 goal for installing ball fields in Marion. Joe Nolte – for his exciting trip to Sioux City. Dick Boardman – happy he doesn't have to give Bob McAvoy a ride – Bob remembered he drove. Don Grimm – introduced his guest, Kathy Hedlund as an adversary at the bridge table.

Next week's program:

Speaker: Terry Pitts, Director of the Art Museum, gave a very informative talk. Terry has been with the museum for 7 years. Prior to that he spent 25 years in Tucson and is originally from the Arlington Hts area of Illinois.

The Art Museum officially began in 1905 in a single room of the newly built Carnegie Library. It was run by volunteers. From its humble beginnings to WWII, it would purchase 1-2 pieces of art annually. It wasn't until the Turner family became involved with Grant Wood did the museum take off. With over 100 Grant Wood pieces in its collection, the Turner family began donating them to the museum. Today the museum has over 5,000 pieces of art, most of which were donated. The primary mission of the museum is to educate and provide cultural opportunities for the entire community.

Terry gave a brief history of Grant Wood's studio and also mentioned several of the many partnerships the museum has with the school district, the African-American Museum and Coe College, to name a few. Excellent presentation.

Word for the day: Don Grimm caught us on a really bright day. His word, "luddite", was correctly guessed within 3 seconds, possibly a new Kiwanian mind-speed record. Don

and Chuck both coughed up dollars. The definition: One who opposes the introduction of new technology, esp. into a place of work.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, September 5th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: Kathy Hedlund attended for the second time and brought in her application for membership. Duffy Schamberger was a guest with the speaker

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Installation dinner is set for Sept. 26 at Coe College's Clark Alumni House. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Please confirm your attendance with Kelly Moore so that we can give an accurate count to Coe's food service. A signup sheet will be passed around again next week.

2. Dan Breitbach announced that the Club can make some money by working security/ambassadors for Iowa home football games. Per Mar Security is looking for clubs and organizations to provide manpower. Per Mar will pay \$7.35 per hour per person. It would be a great way to make \$500-1000 for the Club over 1-2 Saturdays if we could get 10

people each day. Anyone interested should contact Dan Breitbach (dbreitba@coe.edu) if you are interested. Include in your message the dates you would be available to work. The next home game is this Saturday, Sept. 8 which is too soon to get anything organized. All workers must fill out a volunteer sheet and a background check sheet and these forms need to be turned into Per Mar several days ahead of time.

Happy Bucks: Jim Platt – a wonderful bathroom experience gone amuck; Jim Moriarity – for the CR soldier who lost his life in Iraq recently and his mediation certification; John Anderson – \$5 to GOAD Breitbach and Schmall into big bucks for their sons' respective Gazette articles; Breitbach scraped together \$5 from his retirement fund to match John's; Joe Schmall also succumbed to the Anderson pressure and ponied up; Dick Boardman – split his \$1 (cheapskate) ½ for Tommy Breitbach getting his mom's athletic prowess and ½ for Jim Doyne's lesson on how many deer it takes to make a ton (ans: 10); Chuck Wehage gave \$2 for Jim Doyne as well.

Next week's program: Bob Bruce WMT, Sept. 19: Janet Ocha (Sp?) Red Cross volunteer

Speaker: Program Overview: Jerry Moore gave an informative and humorous presentation on SCORE, Senior Core of Retired Executives. SCORE was established in 1964 as a nonprofit organization with a purpose to inspire the entrepreneurial spirit in individuals. SCORE has provided countless one on one sessions for start up businesses and its service is free and confidential. Nationally, over four million people have been counseled by SCORE. There are 389 chapters in the US. Our local chapter 227 has 64 members with its office located in the SBA office. It is staffed from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. M-F. It conducts six seminars annually in conjunction with Kirkwood CC.

Jerry's career started out as a chemist, first for ADM in Clinton. Following a brief stint with another company in Macomb, IL, he worked for Penford Products until they shut down his division. At that point he went to work in sales

for a company out of Illinois and eventually embarked on his own business.

Word for the day: Word for the Day: Don Grimm, our fine, fine word master, took us to the cleaners today with “Chiasmus”: A grammatical figure by which the order of words in one of two parallel clauses is inverted in the other. You say “Whaddup on dis?” Me too – didn’t understand the definition until Don gave this example: One woman said it’s not the men in my life that matters, it’s the life in my men. Sounds like a Mae West quote.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bob Hatala. 22 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Terry Maine (?), Mary Corkery (9/25)

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Dan Breitbach reminded everyone of the installation dinner next Wednesday, September 26 at the Clark Alumni House on the Coe campus. Reception begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. Cost for the members is \$15.00.

Dan also announced the three possible dates for the pancake breakfast: February 16, 23 or March 29. The latter is during the high school spring break and creates problems for workers. The recommended date is February 23.

Happy Bucks: Joe Schmall – belated birthday buck; Dr. Graeff – ISU's victory of Iowa; Dick Boardman gave \$6 to shame his estranged son, Dan, into ponying up big bucks for Coe article in Gazette on Dan's son, Tommy (a

protest has been filed by Dan as it wasn't his son's photo (good luck Dan on collecting any remuneration); Mel Rhodes was happy about something but I was still stinging from the unfair gang warfare from Boardman and Anderson (as in John); Janet Blackledge gave a buck for each year she's been in the Club to the foundation; John Anderson should have paid a fine for leading the club on about an accident that Janet was in which turned out to be a joke; Bob Hatala put two bucks in – one for Keith Sutherland who is an ISU fan and one for the great Washington - Kennedy football game that was played last Friday night; Leo Mork, our speaker, threw in a buck for the UNI Panthers; Ron Sunderman's buck was for his upcoming vacation trip to Maine; and yours truly ponied up \$5 for his son's football performance and Gazette coverage. The more I think of this, since no one in the club gives me any credit for Tommy's success (everyone thinks it's my wife's genes the kids are blessed with), she should be paying the fines.

Next week's program: No meeting next week at Elmcrest since the installation dinner is that evening

Speaker: Ron introduced Leo Mork, a Red Cross volunteer. Leo is a retired educator – retired 9 years ago from Jefferson HS. He and his wife have been long-time volunteers for the Grant Wood Area Chapter of the Red Cross. The Chapter was formed in 1917 and encompasses 7 counties. The agency provides five major services:

- 1) Emergency services for disasters, natural or man-made
- 2) Preparedness education such as First Aid, CPR, pet care, etc
- 3) Blood services
- 4) Rapids Aids Project – providing education on HIV and Aids
- 5) Armed forces communication services

Leo and his work are a part of a 10 – person team. They are on call a week at a time. When they go out on disaster relief, it is usually a 3 week commitment of very long hours

and hard, but rewarding work.

Leo gave a very nice presentation. We could tell he loved what he does.

Word for the day: Don Grimm is still on vacation

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

INSTALLATION DINNER MEETING Clark Alumni House, Coe College

Guests: 20 Members and Guests

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Eldon Hans and Dan Breitbach

Announcements: None

Happy Bucks: There were a number who were happy and paid for their happiness. Everyone else was just happy for free.

Next week's program: Robb Hogg, Followed by Steven Jackson, who's chairing the county redistricting committee. Followed by Jim Kern, new executive director at Bruce more

Speaker: The Silver Tones played from 6-6:30 p.m. and provided a wonderful half hour of entertainment. We had a great buffet dinner following their performance, and then we got about the business of passing the torch from outgoing President, Chuck Wehage, to incoming Kelly Moore.

Chuck gave a brief overview of the year, noting some of the highlights of the shoe and eyeglass programs and the lows – losing three members, John Waggoner, Al Gravelie and Rick Chandler. He thanked everyone for their support and handed out coffee mementos to his officers and committee chairs. Byron Taber, Lt. Governor, took over the meeting and gave an update on the district and his plans for the upcoming year. He then installed the new officers:

President: Kelly Moore

First VP: Bob Hatala

Second VP: Dan Breitbach

Secretary: Sister Charmaine

Treasurer: Gerry Kneeland

And board members:

Katie Hiatt-Braasch

Bob Dye

And thanked retiring board member, Mel Rhodes, for his time and commitment.

Then, he handed the mic over to Kelly Moore who thanked Chuck for his year of service and leadership. Kelly gave his state-of-the-union address, outlining some of the things he will work on as President, most notably working to increase membership and volunteer opportunities. Let's get ready to support him.

Word for the day: Don Grimm was absent and since there wasn't a word for the day, Dan Breitbach tossed in his definition of Gratitude: being grateful that John Anderson couldn't come up with anything to fine him this week, thus providing a 2 week reprieve from his evil ways.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 25 Members in attendance.

Guests: Joanne Michilin

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Kay Bloom (00); Aaron Randolph (76), Sister Charmaine (97)

Announcements: NE/IA Governor's Tour will visit Colombia and Ecuador in February. Details available from K. Moore.

President Moore asks for a volunteer from the club to replace Bob Hatala as chairman of Sponsored Youth Programs.

An interclub with the CR Golden K is scheduled for 10/16, 1:00 PM at 1st Pres., 310 5th St. SE. Please join us.

Happy Bucks: Chuck Wehage expressed thanks for the excellent support during his administration; John Schweitzer invites all to a performance by the New

Horizons Band at the History Center on Saturday morning; John Anderson thanked Jim Doyne for his on-air support of Kiwanis; Keith Sutherland reported on guiding Don and Marjorie Grimm around Yosemite last week; Doug Dix is amazed to find the Colorado Rockies in the playoffs; John Locher threw in a buck in celebration of the Red Sox making it in

Next week's program: Steve Jackson, Chair of the redistricting committee, will speak. On the 17th, Jim Kern will talk about Brucemoor now that he has assumed the job of executive director.

Speaker: Rob Hogg presented a look forward to the next session of the Iowa Legislature, leading all to an appreciation of that mostly thankless chore. Some of the items are:

Health insurance/care
Local control over smoking in public places
Outlawing cell phone use by teen drivers
Energy policy
Global warming – what should Iowa do?
Infrastructure – lower gas usage has led to shortfalls in road funds
Reserve Funds – restore accounts raided in recent lean years
Property tax relief, especially commercial
Math and Science education
Funding for promises made in past sessions – teacher pay especially

Word for the day: Grimm is absent, so no word today.

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: Joanne Michlin (introduced by John Schweitzer)

Birthdays: None other than the incomparable Janet Blackledge

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Kelly Moore announced a short board meeting following today's luncheon. Jeff Hollingsworth announced an interclub next Tuesday, Oct. 16 with the Golden K Club at the First Presbyterian Church at 1:00 p.m. at 310 5th St. SE. Dan Breitbach introduced the Finance and Fund-Raising Committee: Katie Hiatt-Braasch, Mike Poggenklass, Jeff Hollingsworth, Pam Landon, Keith Sutherland, Steve Walrath and Joe Schmall.

Happy Bucks: Janet Blackledge - \$2 for WMT's ads last Sunday on Kiwanis, compliments of Jim Doyne; Kelly Moore - thank goodness the Cubs were feted last week prior to getting ousted; Sister Charmaine - all new windows in their home for the winter; Bob Dye - the Cleveland

Indians knocking off the Yankees; Doug Dix – the Rockies winning and the Yankees losing; John Schweitzer – Gophers and Hawkeyes fighting for the Big Ten cellar; Ron Sunderman – glad to be back from trip with his wife okay and he sporting a burn on the arm; Dr. Graeff – Mizzou's 41-6 drubbing of the Cornhuskers; Breitbach – Mike Poggenklass said Dan was happy he was on his committee; Mike Poggenklass – his not-so-close buddy Joe Torre may need a job; and John Anderson – begrudgingly bestowed an almost compliment on Dan Breitbach for getting a March date for the pancake breakfast.

Next week's program: Jim Kern, new executive director of Bruce more

Speaker: Bob Hatala introduced Stephen Jackson Sr, chair of the Linn County Re-districting commission. Steve gave an overview of the process of creating 5 district supervisor positions (a change from the current 3) and brought props – specifically, maps showing the different district options under review. The commission is recommending Plan D. Each district will consist of 38,340 people give or take 1%. This is based on the 2000 census. The next re-districting will occur after the 2011 census. There is a public hearing at the county annex on Thursday, October 11 at 4:00 p.m. after which a decision will be made to submit a particular plan to the county commissioners for approval. Steve is a long-time attorney whose main hobby is politics – his reason for participating in this process.

Word for the day: We had another break from thinking as Don Grimm was last seen somewhere in North Dakota.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 28 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Tuesday, November 23, 7:00 PM, Key Club Induction (Interclub Opportunity) at Xavier

-Jeff thanked participants in the interclub at Golden K's meeting yesterday

-A card circulated wishing the Windus' well as they move to Duluth

-John Locher mentioned the Taylor Reading Program, asking members to commit 45 minutes on Friday 10/1.

-Sister Charmaine asks cooperation with reports of club activities. She needs names and hours worked. This information can be sent to Kevin Carlson by email at kmcarlson@mchsi.com

-Jim Moriarty wonders if Kiwanis International has a position on the SCHIP insurance program.

Happy Bucks: Kevin Carlson - something about Kobe

Bryant playing in Dallas next year? (Went over the scribe's head); Dan Breitbach was happy that he escaped further torment from John Anderson this week; Jim Moriarty reported that his son is happily not in Iraq, but in St. Paul (Say hi to Garrison Keillor), and that he now has his very first cell phone; Doug Dix put two in – one for the Rockies (Red Sox will eat them alive), and one for a friend's son freshly back from duty in Iraq

Next week's program:

Speaker: James Kern, the new director of Brucemoor, was apparently unable to make it. Instead, we sorta sang songs #19, 13 and 9, at the behest of Dan Breitbach. Some of the songs were familiar from fraternity days, only with cleaner lyrics.

Word for the day: Word for the Day: Superannuated = Old. And "Welcome Back" to Don Grimm. We missed your weekly words. Another offering, "Molumious" was offered by the Webmaster, and the meaning is "massive" or "laborious". Hah!

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 24 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: The Key Club induction at Xavier was held ~ several attended

-The Key Club's fundraiser, frozen cinnamon rolls will again be available for \$5/dozen

-Shopping and wrapping for needy children will be on December 8 ths year, so save that date

-Bell ringing in memory of Sandy Bachelor will again be arranged by Dave Graeff. Signup sheet will be circulated soon.

-Kiwanis International convention will be in Orlando next June

Happy Bucks: John Anderson honored Kelly Moore's speech at the Key Club induction; Jim Moriarty raved about the Red Sox; Don Grimm was happy that he only received 15 stitches from his encounter with his Yardy cart;

Joe Schmall recognized outstanding athletes from both the boys and girls XC teams from Xavier, and fessed up to another big picture of his son in the paper; Bob Hatala promoted an upcoming auction in support of extracurricular activities at Washinton High, including auction of a flag from the 2007 Masters tourney, autographed by Zach Johnson.

Next week's program: Jim Kern from Brucemoor – this time for sure

Speaker: Kelly Moore laid out a wonderful presentation of the strategic plan for the new Kiwanis year. President Moore outlined goals for the club this year, and emphasized areas where we need to work harder, including: Recruitment of new members; placement of additional gum ball machines; a successful Farmer's Breakfast; Kiwanis One Day on April 5; Qualifications for Distinguished Club and Distinguished Member. I've attached this presentation with a link on the top / middle area of the main page, just below the list of November programs.

And Fran let a bravura performance of songs 112 and 20.

Word for the day: redoubtable: To be feared or dreaded; formidable. Also, of persons, to be revered or revered, commanding respect.

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Kelley Moore. 29 Members in attendance.

Guests: Mel Rhodes had his lovely wife, Em, with him. Byron Taber had his lovely self with him.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Board meeting next Tuesday, November 6 at Wells Fargo at 1800 1st Avenue.

2. Byron Taber announced that the Governor's visit is set for December 3, at the Ronnenberg Restaurant in the Amana Colonies. Social hour at 6:00 p.m., music by Kevin Burt beginning at 6:30 followed by dinner. Cost is \$25.00. Reservations are due to Byron by Thanksgiving Day. This will be a combined meeting of Divisions 13 & 14.

Happy Bucks: Jim Moriarity - keeping his promise for a buck if Red Sox win Series; Joe Nolte - \$5 for surviving a deer collision, son's cowboy outfit for Halloween and newest family member, Cookie, a baby puppy; Pam Landon - aunt turned 100 and she hosted 22 for dinner; Dan Breitbach - Saints victory tonight in the Dome; Ron Sunderman - for Dan Schmall and the Saints tonight; Byron Taber - birthday

buck; Sister C – 175 years of her community in existence; Kelly Moore – Bob Dye accepted Sponsored Youth Committee chair; Gerry Kneeland – daughter was successfully married last weekend and he had a dollar left in his pocket.

Next week's program: Dan Breitbach said there would be programs. Stay tuned.

Speaker: Bob Hatala introduced Jim Kern, Exec. Director of Brucemore. Jim has been around Brucemore since 1981 when he volunteered to help Peggy Whitworth with the Phil Donahue event. Jim officially became E.D. on October 8, 2007. He gave a great PowerPoint presentation on the history of Brucemore and the involvement of the three families: Sinclairs, Douglasses and Halls. Brucemore is one of 29 historic sites in the U.S. and it's Iowa's only national trust historic site. From its busy tour schedule, special exhibits, adult and children educational programs, theatre performances to its beautiful gardens, Brucemore plays host to thousands of people each year. Great program, Jim. We wish continued success in your new position.

Word for the day: Don Grimm beat us down again with "tenebrose". Definition: Dark.; fig. Mentally or morally dark; gloomy; obscure in meaning.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 34 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Steve Walrath 11-13

Anniversaries: Jerry Banes 11/12/68

Announcements: -Our board has decided to forego meetings on 12/26 and 1/2/08

-The traditional offsite meeting at Witwer will be either 12/12 or 12/19

-Donations by the board include \$300 for the Homeless Trust and 4 pr. Eyeglasses

-Pick up your cinnamon rolls on 11/14, or S. Charmaine will put them in her freezer

-The Governor's dinner will be at the Ronneburg in Main Amana at 6:00, 12/3. Make res with Byron Tabor by Thanksgiving

-Wrapping and shopping with homeless kids will take place on 12/8 - talk to Sister Charmaine

-There's an Interclub at the Pizza Ranch in Vinton at noon on Tuesday, 11/20

-The scribe thinks the Sandy Batchelor Bell Ringing will be on 12/1. The signup sheet will be at the meeting Wednesday if more ringers are needed.

Happy Bucks: Janet Blackledge added to her accident woes. This time it was a car and two deer, and happily, she's OK; John Schweitzer was none too happy about Minnesota's underdog status at Kinnick; Dan Breitbach ecstatic about his parents being back -his "parents", Dick and Charlene Boardman, had bucks to celebrate being back from down under; Dave Graeff noted that the Missouri Tigers were #6 on the BCS, and a bunch of Big Twelve teams were also on the BCS list; Joe Schmall, class act that he is, had a buck for the Xavier Saints despite losing to Cedar Falls, and says, "wait'll next year" of a flag from the 2007 Masters tourney, autographed by Zach Johnson.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS - John Anderson (15); Dan Breitbach (1) Doug Dix (8); Jim Doyne (4); Dave Graeff (21); Bob Dye (2); Jeff Hollingsworth (2) Duane Kurrelmeyer (32); Sister Chamaïne (9); Joe Schmall (17); Ray Vaughn (29) and Chuck Wehage (2)

Next week's program: Dr. Ryan Sunderman, speaking on fitness, health, and other factors relating to visits with him at the ER

Speaker: Tracey Weber of the First Avenue Wine House had a very informative talk on the subject of fine wines, and laid out a good rationale for visiting a wine shop instead of just plunk picking at Sam's Club. Wine has recently overtaken spirits and beer as the #1 alcoholic beverage. Stop in at her place, the one with the barrels out front, for non-patronizing help in choosing a nice bottle for lunch or dinner.

Word for the day: Ficus: A member of a large genus of trees and shrubs so named, belonging to the family Moraceae and widely distributed in warm regions; it includes the fig (*Ficus carica*) and the rubber plant (*F. elastica*), a common house plant. Mr. Grimm accepted the

answer "Fig tree". Dan Breitbach burst into a paroxysm of elation, and cast in a late happy buck – this was the first time he ever knew the word for the day

((Webmaster calls a Word Foul on Scribe Wehage for using "paroxsm", a word more difficult than the Word for the Day ... Illegal Upstaging of Wordmaster Grimm.))

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatala.
27 Members in attendance.

Guests: Julie Pulju and John Boardman

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Jeff Hollingsworth says the planned
interclub with the Vinton Kiwanians has been postponed.

Governor's Dinner is on 12/3 – talk to Byron Tabor.

Bell ringing for 12/1 has filled up, so Dave Graeff has
added 12/15 to our list of opportunities.

Sister Charmaine says the Homeless Children's Trust
event will be 12/8.

John Schweitzer says that the Witwer/Xavier event will be
on 12/12.

Ron Sunderman says that there will be a Foundation board

meeting on 12/5 following the regular Wednesday meeting.

Happy Bucks: Jody Nolte was happy on the occasion of her son's 12th birthday. Keith Sutherland was happily anticipating a visit to the Tiger Preserve in India in the coming weeks. Trudy Sunderman was happy to see son Ryan speaking at the meeting. Charlene Boardman was just happy to have a great day, and husband Dick was happy to be going home (I think). Ron Sunderman had a long story about his son, leading to his medical career and his visit to the club today. Keith Sutherland had a buck to second the motion.

Next week's program:

Speaker: Dr. Ryan Sunderman explained the origins of the specialty of Emergency Medicine, and how he came to embrace it. He illuminated some of the aspects of running a busy emergency room, and the benefits of being in that organization.

Word for the day: Quartation. A method of gold refining.
Don needs help with WFTD

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatala. 22 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Sister Charmaine

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: S. Charmaine announced the Homeless Children's Trust shopping, wrapping and party day. Board meeting 12/4 at Wells Fargo. 12/5 is the Xavier choir at Witwer instead of Elmcrest

Happy Bucks: Dr. Graeff discussed the historical enmity between Missouri and Kansas, running back to Pre Civil War days. The oldest NCAA Division IA rivalry (Missouri vs Kansas began in 1891 rekindling the coals of this cross border feud. Chuck Wehage is happy that his 42-inch LCD TV now fits the cabinet, thanks to his big belt sander. (Webmaster note: We verified that Wehage used the sander on the cabinet, not on the 42 inch LCD, TV.) John Anderson was happy, but the scribe missed it. Don Grimm was happy that Sitting Bull's place of repose is under 30 feet of concrete in ND (so SD can forget

about it). Dick Boardman was happy his "sons" wouldn't be at his home for Thanksgiving. Joe Schmall told of his fight with the left-handed lug nuts on his '69 Mopar that resulted in two broken studs. Doug Dix was happy that Jay Cutler has better stats than Elway's over the same period. Dan Breitbach is happy that his birth mother is now 81

Next week's program: Kathy Green - Metro HS

Speaker: No program today - scheduled speaker Julie Pulju was suddenly confined to bed. Couple of very nice songs accompanied by Fran Brown. We spent the rest of the time brotherhooding.

Word for the day: Tenebresence. The property of reversibly darkening and bleaching in response to radiation of different wavelengths. This word was rejected by Marjorie Grimm (Don's more level headed spouse). So Don also presented "efemera". It means stuff of short term significance.

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Bob Hatala. 29
Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Kevin Carlson

Anniversaries: Mel Rhodes

Announcements: Meetings: 12/5, 12/19 – Regular at
Elmcrest; 12/12 – meet at Witwer; 12/26, 01/02 – no
meeting; 1/9 meeting, place TBD.

A Foundation board meeting will be held after the 12/5
meeting at Elmcrest. Foundation board chairman
Sunderman reminded us that donations to the foundation
are deductible, and does good work.

Sandy Batchelor Memorial Bell Ringing will take place
Saturday – Dr. Graeff has notified participants;

The CR Golden K will join us on 12/5 for an Interclub
gathering

The Governor's Dinner will be held on 12/4 at the Ronneburg in Amana, also an Interclub.

John Schweitzer announced a band concert at Kirkwood – contact him for details.

Dan Breitbach was bordering on the delusional over the fantasy football/pancake connection

Happy Bucks: Sunderman had a buck in sympathy for Dr. Dave Graeff, but the scribe missed if this a result of an event, or a prediction of an event to come. Joe Nolte related his first brush with THE TALK in connection with his dog's surgery and his son's curiosity. Kevin Carlson had a buck for Doug Dix, the saddened Denver Bronco's fan. Pam Landon's daughter turned 21, worth a buck, and another went in the cup because of the mother-daughter cruise they recently took. President Hatala had a buck for the Missouri Tigers, Jim Platt was confused about his Medicare Part D presentation, upcoming. Dick Boardman expressed shock and awe over Joe Nolte's story. Dan Breitbach was very happy that his "parents" didn't subscribe to Joe Nolte's explanation. Don Grimm celebrated with a dollar the completion of two handicap ramps by the Rockwell Retirees this week. Sunderman had another lame joke about the Nolte difficulties. Dave Graeff had a mean zinger for the Hawkeyes, based on comparison with his #1 Tigers.

Next week's program: 12/5 – Mark Hazlett, Salvation Army; 12/19 Kenneth Weiss, Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission.

Speaker: Kathy Green, principal of Metro HS gave a clear picture of the value of and challenges posed by staff of the school. It is the largest alternative HS in Iowa, and the most successful. Most students come from poverty, have attended many schools, and have an uphill climb to prepare for the future..

Word for the day: Folio. Formed of sheets or a sheet folded once; of the largest size; folio-sized



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: Several Members of Golden K

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Janet Blackledge announced a generous gift to the Kiwanis International Foundation on behalf of our club; President Moore announced that six members of our club attended the Governor's Dinner at the Ronneburg in Amana (qualified as an Interclub); Dave Graeff announced plans for Salvation Army bell ringing at Wal-Mart on 12/15; next week's meeting will be held at Witwer senior center with Xavier choir entertaining; John Schweitzer announced an event at First Presbyterian Church; President Moore announced a decision by the Board to donate \$250 to AAHM; John Locher requested help at Taylor school – more tutors are needed; The CR Kiwanis Foundation board meeting was scheduled for immediately after today's regular meeting. The Foundation now has assets of \$146K, up from \$131K

last year.

Happy Bucks: Ray Vaughn is happy to be an honorary member of Golden K; Ron Sunderman gloated over Missouri's humbling by Oklahoma; Dave Graeff was anything but happy, but threw in a buck anyway; Keith Sutherland is glad to be back from India and that his house sold during the trip; Jim Platt contributed, but the scribe missed why; somebody is looking forward to a big semifinal game between Northwest Missouri State and Grand Valley State; Dan Breitbach thanked his "parents" for the good genes enjoyed by him and "brother" Steve Walrath; John Anderson had a zinger for Dan, who responded with yet another buck.

Next week's program:

Speaker: Mark Hazlett, a Captain in the Salvation Army went over his background and family, and told us a bit about the services provided by his organization.

Mark's favorite Old Testament prophet is Micah, who commanded, "Do Justice, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly With God" Mark spent some time explaining how this advice affects him and guides his path through life.

The Army has a soup kitchen that provided 52,000 meals last year in Cedar Rapids. They have 3300 children and 1100 families registered in advance for help this holiday season. All this is staffed by volunteers, and Mark asks that we offer our help. This can be done on line as well as in person at their kitchen in NW Cedar Rapids.

The Salvation Army has been serving Cedar Rapids since 1888, when it was just 13 years since established.

Word for the day: Fustian. Bombastic, etc. This word courtesy of Kevin Carlson.

Submitted: Kelly Moore



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore.

Guests: Hemia Collier (Sunderman)

Birthdays: Ray Vaughn and Gerald Kneeland birthdays
(12/3) Rod Thorpe's birthday (1/3)

Anniversaries: Keith Sutherland's anniversary (2005)

Announcements: Dave Graeff thanked participators for Salvation Army bell ringing, and also those who signed up but got cancelled for bad weather on the first Saturday; Dan Breitbach announced the upcoming kickoff for the Farmer's Breakfast, and requested members to save March 8 for the big event

Happy Bucks: Jim Moriarty offered a buck, but got browbeat into three, one being for his long career as a lawyer; John Anderson announced his birthday AGAIN; Duane Kurrelmeyer is celebrating his 50th anniversary; Kay Bloom was happy to be back in town (and we just as glad to see her again), Ray Vaughn was celebrating a birthday and glad to be here; Keith Sutherland had mixed memories of moving during the big ice storm, is celebrating his Kiwanis anniversary and looks forward to his sons coming home for a

visit; Rod Thorpe cast in a buck, no doubt looking forward to his snowbirding next month; Dick Boardman was happy his “sons:” aren’t visiting any time soon, and added a buck in lieu of bell ringing; Sister Charmaine added a dollar in thanks to John Schweitzer for bell ringing when she wasn’t able.

Next week’s program:

Speaker: Joe Nolte introduced Kenneth White, chairman of the Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission. Kenneth came to his new job in Cedar Rapids six months ago from Minnesota, and may be a card-carrying Gopher fan. His office is on the 9th floor of the APAC building, not City Hall (a good thing, says Kenneth). He has been in the Civil Rights and diversity business basically his whole life. He is a Kiwanian, having been a charter member of the Mankato Diversity Kiwanis Club. His experience includes his time at Mankato State, University of Minnesota, and a job with the Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission. One activity for middle schoolers who qualify: a trip to Southern civil rights sites of significance – Little Rock, 19th ST. Baptist Church, Selma and Montgomery. The Commission hopes to sponsor an element in Middle School about civil rights history.

Word for the day: Postprandial: Done, made, taken, happening, etc., after dinner; after-dinner. (Chiefly humorous.)

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